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# News Release

## **ICE deports Colombian man convicted of sexually assaulting victim at knifepoint**

CHICAGO — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) deported a Colombian man yesterday who was convicted of kidnapping and raping his female victim at knifepoint.

Jorge Granada-Velasquez, 36, was deported to Bogotá, Colombia, last night under the escort of two government officers.

Granada-Velasquez, of Armenia, Colombia, first entered the United States in 1990 as a permanent resident. On May 15, 1991, Granada-Velasquez held a female victim against her will and raped her at knifepoint, stabbing her numerous times in the nose, leg and shoulder and causing permanent disfigurement. He pleaded guilty in 1993 in Cook County Circuit Court to 12 counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault, four counts of aggravated kidnapping, and three counts of aggravated unlawful restraint and aggravated battery. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.



ICE officers encountered Granada-Velasquez in the Joliet Correctional Center in 1993 and placed a detainer on him to ensure he would be turned over to ICE for deportation upon release from prison. As an aggravated felon Granada-Velasquez lost his permanent residence status and was ordered deported.

“As a convicted rapist, Granada-Velasquez exemplifies the type of criminal alien that we focus our efforts on,” said ICE Field Office Director Debbie Achim. “We help make our communities and our country more secure with every criminal we deport.” Achim oversees ICE’s Detention and Removal Operations program for a six-state area, which includes: Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Wisconsin.

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